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period of time, in this case over 20 years, they are eligible to become life members of the association; and if they become a life member of the association, that opens up another position as a member of the association, which enhances the number in the state of Nebraska. In this particular case, what we are suggesting, and by this law we're proposing that we eliminate the requirement that they must be appointed members in order to be reimbursed for their expenses. We have a member that very shortly will have received the time-honored thing of 20 years and will become a life member, but if that person continues to attend these meetings, which that person wants to do, in fact is chairman of the evidence section for the national association, that person would not be reimbursed for their expenses in doing so. So this law proposes that if a member is attending, that they will be reimbursed for their expenses. We are eliminating the word "appointed" member. We are just saying a member, and that will allow the life members to also be reimbursed for their expenses, if they wish to continue to serve on this commission. One other change in the statute will be that as far as the Revisor of the Statutes, who is automatically a member of the...of the commission would not be as an associate member as currently, but would be a member effective on the effective date of this act. So up until the effective date of this act, they would continue to be an associate member, but after that date would become a regular member of the commission and would then, likewise, be entitled to be reimbursed for their expenses. So this is just a clean-up matter. I think that when this...when this act was initiated, I think that people didn't think somebody would serve for 20 years on a commission, but that has happened, and I think that it's time that we change the law accordingly. This was passed and approved by the Appropriations Committee unanimously and I submit it to you for your consideration. And if anyone has any question, I would be glad to try and answer it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'll be very brief. Senator Pederson explained the bill very well, and I simply want to rise in support of the bill. I think it's...if you notice, I think it's \$5,000. It's a very small amount that I think fits us well to go ahead and to do this and